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### **DeNUCCI SAYS ROXBURY C.C. CONTINUES TO MAKE FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT IMPROVEMENTS**

State Auditor Joe DeNucci reported today that Roxbury Community College (RCC) has made significant progress in its administrative operations in response to findings in prior audits.

According to DeNucci's follow-up review, which covers fiscal year 2005, the college continues to strengthen its oversight of student financial assistance programs, a previously problematic area that RCC has identified as a major priority. Improvements have also been made in updating the college's internal controls over its financial operations, the providing of training opportunities and the monitoring of data within the financial operating system.

In addition, DeNucci revealed that general ledger accounts and student billing and accounts receivable information, as well as other accounts, are now being recorded and updated in a timely manner. Financial reports that were previously unavailable because of programming problems are also now being produced.

Furthermore, DeNucci noted that RCC complied with his earlier recommendation to ensure that utility and other bills incurred by the Reggie Lewis Center, the college's indoor athletic facility, are paid on time. The college had previously run up delinquent utility bills for the facility totaling almost \$170,000.

However, DeNucci advised the college to improve its monthly reconciliation of non-appropriated funds so that there will be a complete and accurate recording of RCC's funds on the Commonwealth's accounting system.

"Roxbury Community College has complied with most of my previous recommendations and has greatly improved its administration of student financial aid and other areas," concluded DeNucci. "There are some issues that still need to be addressed, though, and I anticipate the college's continued cooperation."